

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Catharine Stempel (Chair) at 7:02 pm.

Members Present: Jim Antoshak, Chris Castillo (7:09pm), Denise Davidson, Kira Finkerberg (Secretary) 7:26pm, Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Tony Guerra, Cindy Moore, Chris Rosemond, Sandra Stahl, Catharine Stempel, (Chair).

Approval of Agenda: Modifications to the Agenda include added an Info Item with Bill Powers and Sonja Robinson Rooftop Solar and the NEM decision from the CPUC. Cat Stempel made a motion to approve the modification, Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga seconded with the vote 8-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Tony Guerra made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes, Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga seconded. Vote 6-0-2 with Jim Antoshak abstain Sandra Stahl abstaining due to not being present for all or part of the October meeting.

Community Forum and Announcements

No comments made at this meeting.

Representatives:

1. **Rosa Kwon**, Branch Manager of Serra Mesa. Not present.
2. **Vic Vettiyil** from Raul Campillo's office. CM Campillo approve \$40 million dollars to the street division to pave 54 miles of roads for San Diegans over the next 2 years. Area of Village Glen and Birdland to be prioritized as part of the Mayor's "Sexy Streets" initiative. The Taft Middle School joint use project will no longer have a stage due to funding challenges. Additional questions can be directed to vvettiyil@sandiego.gov. The Council office continues to address questions regarding streetlights, code enforcement issues regarding ADU's, and encampments. Again reach out to Vic with any further questions regarding these issues.
3. **Christopher Ackerman-Avila** – Representative for Todd Gloria's office. The Mayor continues to focus on Climate change and Land Development Code Updates plus the Housing Action Packages.
4. **Lisa Lind**, Long Range Planning Office. The Planning Dept. is working on the Climate Resilience Project. Lisa will be moving to another area and we will certainly have a new Planning Representative. The Agenda for January should have included the Elections for the SMPG.
5. **Chris Frantz**, Sara Jacobs Representative. Covid tests continue to be sent to citizens homes. Sarah has been very active in the Armed Services Committee and Chris being former military does as well.

Rachel Gregg, SDSU West Mission Valley. Not present but did email that there was no update at this time.

Information and Action items:

1. Info Item – Scott Sanfilippo, Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects. There will be sewer replacement projects in Serra Mesa since the pipes are old. Scott will send more detail to be listed in the Serra Mesa Observer. Areas of improvement include Birdland and Mission Center Rd.
2. Info Item – Jasmine Kotlarz, San Diego Housing Commission, Overview of the City's Affordable Housing fund and would like the community to know any comments made at will be submitted as attachments to the plan for Fiscal Year 2023.
3. Info Item – Sonja Robinson, Manager of Protect Our Communities Foundation PCF spoke on behalf of the decision by California Public Utilities Company to charge users of Solar Rooftop Panels more money and the benefits of Rooftop Solar. Assembly Bill 327 to review proposed changes and history on this matter.
4. Action Item – Council Policy 600-24, 600-9 regarding proposed changes to San Diego Planning Groups. The draft revisions were discussed and although not all changes were talked about a motion was made to form a sub-committee to review each and draft a decision to send to the San Diego City Council and Planning Department. Tony Guerra made a motion to allow a sub-committee and Cindy Moore seconded that motion. Cindy Moore, Chris Rosemond, Sandra Stahl, and Catharine Stempel will meet on a date to be determined and review all the proposed changes. Vote 8-0-0.

Historical Buildings – No update.

Park & Recreation –_no update

Chair Report:

- Attended CPC Meeting – City Council Member Joe LaCava presented his proposed changes to the Local Community Planning Groups. There was a long Q & A and he was to review and come back in January to report any new information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022.